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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2023 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following projects in Tennessee's second congressional district:

- Project Name:** East Tennessee Children's Hospital MRI Replacement
Project Address: 2018 Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37916
Recipient Address: 2018 Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37916
Project Description: East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) has a comprehensive Pediatric Radiology Department with a 21-year-old MRI unit. The MRI, ETCH's only one, is end of life and needs replacement. With nearly 21,000 MRI exams since 2017, the MRI is an essential diagnostic tool. The new MRI will perform any exam a patient needs, improve the image quality of every exam, and allow certain exams, such as cardiac exams, to be performed. In addition, a larger bore size will allow patients with larger body types to be examined and advancement in technology will increase the speed of exams and capacity of care that ETCH is able to provide.
Amount Requested: \$2,500,000
Account: HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Program Management
- Project Name:** Susannah's House Affordable Housing for Low Income Pregnant Mothers with Substance Abuse Disorder
Project Address: 923 Dameron Ave. Knoxville, TN 37921
Recipient Address: 923 Dameron Ave. Knoxville, TN 37921
Project Description: Susannah's House, Inc. requests funding for construction of temporary housing for sixteen low-income pregnant mothers undergoing substance abuse disorder treatment and their children at no charge. This will allow mothers to be drug-free and off the street with their children and will decrease the number of homeless pregnant and parenting mothers. It will help mothers establish financial responsibility and the achievement of job, educational and parenting goals while also gaining and maintaining healthy sobriety. Federal funding will be used for phase II construction of housing for 8 mothers and infants, with phase I housing slated for completion in 2022. Susannah's House complies with Title VI, is licensed by the TN Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and will build housing that improves a blighted area.
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Health Facilities Construction and Equipment

3. **Project Name:** CAC Early Head Start (EHS) Mobile Classroom & CAC Mobile Outreach
Project Address: 2247 Western Ave. Knoxville, TN 37921
Recipient Address: 2247 Western Ave. Knoxville, TN 37921
Project Description: The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) requests funding to design, build and equip two vehicles as Mobile Classrooms appropriate for infant/toddler services for the CAC Early Head Start program and one vehicle to provide community outreach throughout Knox County. The EHS Mobile Classroom project would provide critical education and support services to children and families who are unable to attend center-based programs. The Outreach vehicle would directly provide connection to the following services: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Project Help, Weatherization, Mobile Meals, Head Start, etc.
Amount Requested: \$575,000
Account: Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
4. **Project Name:** Maryville College "Scots Science Scholars" Program
Project Address: 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804
Recipient Address: 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804
Project Description: Maryville College requests funding to provide students access to high-level training and educational experiences that will prepare them to contribute to STEM workforce needs in the state of Tennessee. Maryville College STEM graduates enter the STEM workforce at high rates, and most stay local, so supporting their education and training supports businesses and industry of the region. The funds will provide students with access to scientific equipment and computing technology, expand and strengthen their connections to STEM-related industries in Tennessee, and remove traditional barriers to research experiences and internships.
Amount Requested: \$646,159
Account: Department of Education – Office of Postsecondary Education – Higher Education
5. **Project Name:** University Health System (UHS), d/b/a/ University of Tennessee Medical Center- Knoxville
Project Address: 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920
Recipient Address: 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920
Project Description: UT Medical Center (UTMC) requests funding for engineering and preliminary construction/renovation of a dedicated Women and Infants facility at its Knoxville campus. UTMC's vision includes a dedicated facility for provision of care and access point for women of all ages, newborn infants, and children involved in traumas, as well as improved patient flow. Specific features of the facility may include: A dedicated OR floor and med/surg recovery floors; redesign of a new Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) for children involved in trauma; a birthing center with low-intervention rooms; an 18-24 bed Labor and Delivery unit with at least 8 operating rooms; a Level 3 NICU; a mother/baby postpartum floor with dedicated space for educational programs and resources; dedicated antepartum care floor; and additional space to grow.
Amount Requested: \$3,000,000
Account: HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - Project Management

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above projects. Thank you for your consideration of these community project funding requests in East Tennessee.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett
MEMBER OF CONGRESS